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Serial No.: 09/ 450,023

Group Art Unit: 3624

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Examiner: Daniel S. Felten

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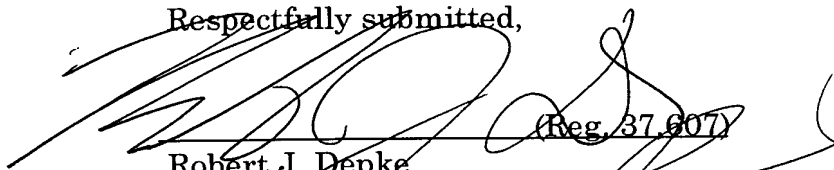
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